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**Subject:** RE: NY times article re: rat sterilization  
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The registrant, SenesTech requested an exemption from the requirement of an EUP for this new contraceptive. We granted the exemption. If I remember correctly they will be testing the product in four secure refuse rooms in NYC subway stations. These refuse rooms are not in public areas. Bobby Corrigan is working with them on the field study.

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This one is new to me. I'll forward this reply to others who might have heard of the product.

Although past efforts at affecting sterilization of commensal rodents as a control method have been disappointing, this one reportedly targets females, which is a step up. There are penetration and practicality issues to address. New York's MTA can't manage the former with rodenticides, so it's not clear how they would do it with this product.

Biologically, it makes more sense to sterilize than to kill r-selected species; but pulling it off in the real world is another matter.

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**From:** Recore, Shanna  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 9:33 AM  
**To:** Jacobs, William  
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Hi Bill,

I was wondering if you had heard about this? Is it registered with EPA?

[http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/12/nyregion/as-rats-escape-death-mta-turns-to-sterilization.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/12/nyregion/as-rats-escape-death-mta-turns-to-sterilization.html?_r=0)

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